

Dear Committee:

I am Brian Jeffs and I am representing myself as a CPL holder for over 13 years. I support this bill. Creating Gun Free Zones do not prevent crime or violence; in fact they encourage just the opposite.

Gun-free zones are killing zones. Criminals intent on harm ignore gun-free zones and see them as a place to commit their atrocities with little chance of being harmed by law-abiding citizens. Why, because law-abiding gun owners follow the law? When they do they are barred their right of self-defense. Studies have shown that lawful gun-owners are among the most law-abiding segment of society, committing fewer crimes than even law enforcement officers.

In Michigan, like many states, imposes arbitrary and capricious restrictions on GFZs. For example why can I carry a concealed weapon in a theater that seats less than 2500 people and cannot in one that is over 2500? Why can I conceal carry in a business that makes less than the majority of their sales from alcohol and one that makes more than a majority from alcohol sales? If I can be trusted in one place why not the other?

The majority of other gun free zones are private property. They can regulate the possession of firearms on their own property. There is no need for government involvement in this case. If business owners want to respect a person's right to keep and bear arms, they should be allowed to do so.

In this country the most heinous and largest mass killings occur in gun free zones i.e., schools, churches, Military Bases and Malls to name a few. What you don't see are mass murders in gun stores, police stations and gun ranges or other places people are allowed to bear arms. Criminals are not going to plan an attack of mass murder in a place where people have a reasonable chance of defending themselves.

The murderous and devastating experiment of gun-free zones has run its course. The time has come to once again let law-abiding citizens have the means necessary to take on the responsibility of defending themselves and their loved ones against evil in all public places.

Sincerely
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